(c) The Ministry of Labour has been implementing the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) for the benefit of children withdrawn from work. The State of Andhra Pradesh has been sanctioned NCLPs in 22 districts for the benefit of child labour through 1033 special schools/centres. Awareness Generation Activities are being taken up by the National Child Labour Project Society at the district level against this evil.

Besides the above, the State Government has, *inter-alia*, initiated action for sensitising the community, parents and employers on child labour, prioritisation of specific areas in each district where incidence of child labour is high for enforcement of child labour laws and provisions of various other acts, releasing the child labour from the work place and rehabilitating them through residential and non-residential bridge courses under DPEP/SSA.

ESI hospitals in Karnataka

1012. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ESI hospitals in Karnataka;

(b) whether there is any complaint about unsatisfactory service rendered by ESI hospitals in the State;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve patient care at ESI hospitals in Karnataka; and

(d) the number of new ESI hospitals proposed to be established in Karnataka during the year 2002-03?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) As on date, there are nine ESI hospitals in Karnataka.

(b) No, Sir. However, a few complaints regarding reimbursement, medical claims were received and these have been sent to Government of Karnataka for settlement.

(c) The ESI Corporation has sanctioned modern equipment worth Rs.194.37 lacs for upgradation of medical services under ESI Scheme in Karnataka.

(d) There is no proposal to establish any new ESI hospital in Karnataka during the year 2002-03.

Employment exchanges in U.P.

†1013. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing employment exchanges in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of educated/skilled unemployed/unskilled unemployed youth registered with various employment exchanges in the State for different jobs; and

(c) the number of youth who were provided with employment through these employment exchanges during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) At present, there are 84 employment exchanges functioning in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Number of educated job seekes, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in Uttar Pradesh as on 31st December, 2001 was of the order of 14.20 lakh. Skill-wise information is not maintained.

(c) Placement effected by the employment exchanges in Uttar Pradesh during 2000, 2001 and 2002 (January-November) were of the order of 4.0, 3.2 and 2.7 thousand respectively.

Employment exchanges

†1014. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment exchanges in the country, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.